

House Resolution 1783

By: Representative Byrd of the 20<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Varinee Sangmalee; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a native of Bangkok, Thailand, Varinee Sangmalee came to the United States  
3 in 1969, and she has since been actively involved in her community; and

4 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in  
5 personnel management and a minor in finance from Georgia State University, and as an  
6 exchange student, she was the recipient of a postgraduate scholarship in international  
7 management from the German government; and

8 WHEREAS, she was the president of the Thai Association of Georgia in 2001 and 2002; she  
9 is the founder and president of the Thai Association World Center, USA, a nonprofit,  
10 nonpartisan, and global services organization and the founder of the Thai American Chamber  
11 of Commerce; and she serves as the Royal Thai Embassy's representative to the Southern  
12 Region of the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, she is currently serving her second term as the president of the Asian-Pacific  
14 American Council of Georgia, which is an umbrella organization for 14 other organizations  
15 with membership of more than 100,000, and she is the chairperson of the Asian Cultural  
16 Experience, an organization with members representing 15 countries that sponsors an annual  
17 multi-cultural event hosted in partnership with the Atlanta Botanical Gardens; and

18 WHEREAS, Varinee Sangmalee is also an advisor to numerous organizations and special  
19 events such as the Asian Film Festival, Who's Who in Asian American Communities, and  
20 on the board of directors of the Asian American Chamber of Commerce, and the Georgia  
21 Asian Pacific Islander Communities Coalition; and

1 WHEREAS, as a community leader, she has been actively involved with many organizations  
2 with raising money for scholarships, holding health fairs and career fairs, and involved in  
3 fundraising events for natural disasters; and

4 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body join together  
5 to appropriately commend this outstanding individual.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
7 the members of this body hereby join together in commending Varinee Sangmalee for her  
8 work with the Asian community and the valuable services she provides to her community  
9 and this state.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby  
11 authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Varinee  
12 Sangmalee.